

NORTHEAST ACADEMY ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. As summer comes to an end and we approach the new school year, please note the following:

- As a reminder, the start time for school this year is 8:40. Students will report directly to their classroom from the bus or parent drop-off.
- For the first week of school, due to the Labor Day holiday, Cohort A will come on Tuesday and Wednesday. Cohort B will still come on Thursday and Friday.
- Students are required to wear masks in school. No gaiters, valve masks or bandanas are allowed.
- Art and math toolkits for our distance learners are still “under construction.” Due to high demand, some of our supplies are on backorder.
- Tree House is operating and accepting enrollment. Please visit the district website.
- Anyone coming to the building to pick up a student will be required to show their ID outside. We will bring your child to you.
- Should you require tech support at home with district-issued technology, please call (860) 449-7297.
- Later this month, families of full distance learners can expect to hear from a member of our reading team. This staff member will conference with and assess your child’s reading level at the start of the year.
- Effective Monday, September 7th, requests for your child to enter the hybrid model (either Cohort A or B) from the full distance model will require up to one week of turnaround time. Parents wishing to switch from hybrid to full distance will be allowed to do so immediately. All requests must be sent to Mr. Chaney.
- The distance learning program for all students working at home will contain a blend of live instruction through Zoom and recorded lessons. Seesaw is the new online platform for grades K-2 and Google Classroom remains the platform for grades 3-5.

Teachers will soon be sharing schedules for family planning purposes. Please understand, the shift to simultaneously balancing students working at home with students physically in the classroom is enormous. Our teachers have worked extremely hard to prepare and we will grow together as the weeks progress.

We can’t wait to have children back in the building! It has been too long!

Have a great weekend!

-Mr. Chaney